allotment of quota last year on the condition that they should procure the commodity from the members of the agricultural credit societies or marketing societies. The apportionment of the allotment given to co-operatives was made in proportion to the quantity of the produce offered for export.

(*d*) The answer is in the negative.

(*e*) In August 1955, representations were made by certain merchants against co-operatives in the matter of export of chillies. The Government considered that the charges were levelled against the co-operatives without citing specific instances to prove their allegations. Certain allegations were made against the Salem Co-operative Marketing Society in the matter of export of onions and chillies during 1955. The Registrar of Co-operative Societies is taking departmental action against the officials of the Co-operative Department and the office-bearers of the society for the irregularities committed in the export transactions.

SRI V. GURUNANDAN ROW : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state whether any principle as to the actual sales conducted by co-operative societies in the commodity concerned has been taken into consideration in allotting particular quotas to particular societies?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I would like to have notice.

SRI V. GURUNANDAN ROW : May I know whether the Government are aware that as a result of giving large quotas for export outside of chillies and onions, the prices of these commodities have risen considerably since last year?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I cannot admit that. The Government do take into account the prevailing prices of commodities when they order the export of particular commodities.

Training centre for sculptors

* 115 *Q.*—SRI V. V. RAMASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state whether the Government have any proposal to start a training centre for sculptors in the State?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Yes, Sir. The Government have sanctioned a scheme for the establishment of a training centre for sculpture at Mahabalipuram.

SRI V. V. RAMASWAMI : இந்தப் பள்ளிக்கு தமிழ் நாட்டிலுள்ள ஆசிரியர்கள் நியமிக்கப்படுவார்களா? அல்லது வேறு எங்கிருந்தாவது தருவிக்கப்படுவார்களா?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : தமிழ்நாடுதான் இந்தக் கல் வேலைக்குப் பெயர் பெற்றது. அப்படியிருக்க, வேறு எந்த நாட்டு ஆசிரியர்களையும் தேடவேண்டிய அவசியம் எப்படி ஏற்படும் என்று கனம் அங்கத்தினர் அவர்கள் அச்சப்படுகிறார்கள் என்பது எனக்குத் தெரியவில்லை.

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Sri T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Hon. Minister kindly give us the details of the scheme and tell us at what stage the matter stands and when the scheme is likely to be implemented?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The scheme has already been started. With a view to preserve the ancient craft of sculpture in this State and to provide trained workers needed for the renovation of temples and other works of art, the Government have sanctioned a scheme for the establishment of a training centre for sculpture at Mahabalipuram. The total estimated cost of the scheme is Rs. 26,600 non-recurring and Rs. 35,842 recurring per annum.

In the training centre, 20 candidates will be trained every year in sculpture and each trainee will be paid a stipend of Rs. 40 per mensem. The training will be of an advanced kind but different from the stereotyped art school and will try to incorporate something of the ancient Indian spirit that laid stress, not so much on the mechanical perfection of outward form, but on the eloquent expression of the inner reality. The trainees will be given a fairly intensive course in the concepts of Indian philosophy also in order that the Indian tradition and the true significance of the various god-forms, postures, mudras, symbols, etc., is understood and the work approached in the right frame of mind. The following technical posts have been sanctioned for the scheme :—

One Master-Sculptor-*cum*-Superintendent.

One Instructor in Sculpture.

One Instructor in Art and Philosophy.

One Skilled Assistant.

Mahabalipuram has been chosen for the scheme in view of the right atmosphere and background for the craft. The centre is proposed to be run for a period of three years.

The Government of India have sanctioned a grant of Rs. 44,442 to this Government for implementing the scheme.

Sri K. BALASUBRAMANYA AYYAR : May I know whether the Government will take into consideration the fact that there are a number of ancient works, especially in Sanskrit and Tamil, which bear upon Iconography and the various methods of doing the things just now mentioned by the Hon. Minister and see that these texts are critically examined, printed and published so that the students may read them and also the teachers may instil into the minds of the boys the ideas contained in the texts?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Yes, Sir; the Government will take into account the suggestion of the hon. Member.

SRI V. V. RAMASWAMI : நம் நாட்டிலுள்ள சிற்ப வேலை நிபுணர்களை ஊக்குவிப்பதற்காக இந்தப் பள்ளி ஆரம்பிக்கப்படுகிறதினாலே, அரசாங்கத்திற்குச் சொந்தமான கட்டடங்களின் முன்பார்வையை புராதன சிற்ப முறையிலே இவர்களைக்கொண்டு கட்டுவதற்கு அரசாங்கம் திட்டம் ஏதாவது வகுப்பார்களா ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : அரசாங்கம் கட்டுகிற கட்டடங்கள் அழகாக இருக்கவேண்டுமென்பதை நான் ஒத்துக்கொள்கிறேன். ஆனால், கோயில் மாதிரி இருக்கவேண்டிய அவசியம் இல்லை.

Electrification of travellers' bungalows

* 116 *Q.*—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) the steps taken by Government to electrify travellers' bungalows under the control of local bodies situated in places to which electricity has been extended; and

(*b*) whether the Government will be pleased to lay on the table of the House a districtwar list showing the number of such travellers' bungalows yet to be electrified?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASWAMI PADAYATCHI : (*a*) It is the concern of the local bodies to electrify or not to electrify the travellers' bungalows under their control. The Government do not come into the picture.

(*b*) A districtwar list[a] showing the number of travellers' bungalows electrified already and the number yet to be electrified is placed on the table of the House.

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : In view of the importance of proper maintenance of travellers' bungalows from the tourists' point of view, may I appeal to the Government to impress on the district boards the need for providing electricity connection to travellers' bungalows in their charge as and when electricity is supplied to the particular places?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASWAMI PADAYATCHI : The Government can only advise local bodies to electrify them but we cannot compel them.

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : Let alone tourists. As our Ministers are always on tour and as they frequently stay in the travellers' bungalows, should not these local bodies be asked to provide them with the elementary amenity of electricity?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASWAMI PADAYATCHI : We do not feel much difficulty.

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[a] Printed as Appendix II on page 182 infra.